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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION**

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action dated January 21, 2004, and requests continuing examination of that application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and M.P.E.P. § 706.07(h). The Patent Office is authorized to debit deposit account number 50-0510 in the amount of \$1114 for the one-month extension fee (\$110), the RCE fee (\$770), and the excess claims fee (\$234), and for any additional fee that may be required to maintain the pendency of this application and/or to advance this request for continuing examination.

**Amendments to the Specification:** None.

**Amendments to the Claims:** None. A listing of current claims is presented beginning at page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings:** None.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

**Appendix:** None.

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